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serve quite all right in the areas where they are functioning and the ryots are quite satisfied with them. We cannot forecast how long they will serve."

Sri K. PARTHASARATHY :—" Are these facilities available to all the agriculturists in South Arcot or only to the agriculturists in certain areas of South Arcot district? "

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" These filter points could be had only where the water table is 20 to 30 feet."

Sri S. C. VIRUPAKSHAYYA :—" May I know whether these filter points were tried in other areas and if so with what result? "

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Yes, Sir, they are tried in other districts like Tanjore, Tiruchirappalli, Madurai, Ramanathapuram, North Arcot, Chingleput, Salem and South Kanara."

Construction of a road from Badiadka to Kavur.

* 772 *Q.*—Sri M. S. MOGRAL : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received representations from the public of Kasaragod taluk in January 1954 urging the construction of a road from Badiadka to Kavur via Kumbdaje; and

(*b*) if so, what action the Government have taken in the matter?

The Hon. Sri S. S. RAMASWAMY PADAYACHI :—" (*a*) Yes, Sir.

" (*b*) The matter is under the consideration of the South Kanara District Board."

Sri M. S. MOGRAL :—" In view of the poor financial position of the district board, will the Government come to the rescue of the district board and see that this road is constructed at a very early date? "

The Hon. Sri S. S. RAMASWAMY PADAYACHI :—" Yes, Sir, we have also directed the Special Officer to take necessary action."

Overtime work in the Government Press, Madras.

* 773 *Q.*—Sri A. GOVINDASAMY NAYAGAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state whether the Government Press, Madras, has been working overtime for the last two years continuously?

The Hon. Raja Sri SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHU PATHI :—" Yes, Sir, almost continuously."